

Interrupts in ATmega2560

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Agenda for Discussion

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- ✓ Any signal that causes break in continuity of some ongoing process
- ✓ In microcontrollers interrupt signal halts the execution of main program and dedicates processor to another task

Main program
execution

```
while ( ) {  
    Instruction 1  
    Instruction 2  
    Instruction 3  
    Instruction 4  
    Instruction 5  
    Instruction 6  
}
```



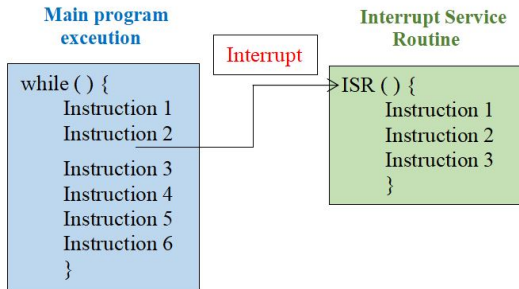
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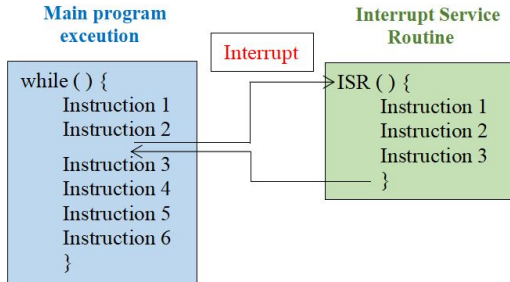
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- Interrupt Service Routine: Program that needs to be executed when interrupt occurs



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Thank You!

